

Additional comments to NAIS Draft Strategic Plan

As stated in above comments I am opposed to a privately held data base for animal health for given reasons. I certainly believe that our goal can be accomplished with a partnership between Federal and State governments and industry. I do believe however that a privately held data base is counterproductive when it comes to tracking animal disease, certainly within 48 hours.

The NAIS is lacking in clear information as to how completion of the program will be funded. I am firmly convinced that this must be a three pronged approach. That being Industry will have to bear some costs along with State and Federal support. Therefore I strongly urge the Secretary to aggressively seek funding from Congress to see this program through.

Finally, an effort must be made to make as much producer educational material available as possible. This information must have input from the grassroots level that supports the NAIS. The educational material and the final NAIS document must be as “digestible” as possible.